

reading together panel discussion and documentary series

in conjunction with the Kalamazoo Public Library's Reading Together program, which, this year, has selected James McBride's *The Color of Water*, join us for the following FREE events:

panel discussion

"Everybody Has a Story: Family Violence Revealed"

Advocates and survivors will share the dynamics of family violence.

April 5, 2005, from 12:00-1:30 p.m.

documentary series

Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson, by Ken Burnes.

This two-part documentary follows Jack Johnson's remarkable journey from his humble beginnings in Texas, as the son of former slaves, to his entry into the brutal world of professional boxing, where, in Jim Crow America, the heavyweight champion was an exclusively "white title." In 1908, despite the odds, Johnson became the first African-American to earn the title Heavyweight Champion of the World. When no one could beat the champion in the ring, Johnson's own government tried to destroy him in the courts, using his relationships with white women as the excuse to prosecute him.

Part 1 will be shown on April 7, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Part 2 will be shown on April 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

To register or for more information, contact Regina Miller at 269-345-5595. Both events will be held at the YWCA of Kalamazoo, 353 E. Michigan Avenue, Downtown Kalamazoo.

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